(c) HEC was primarily set up to manufacture machinery for the steel industry from where the expected orders did not flow in the 80s and 90s. However, presently the company has orders worth Rs. 709 crores in hand.

(d) Due to market competition, obsolete technology and working capital shortage, HEC has had difficulty in procuring large orders. With assistance from Government and proposed revival package the order position is improving.

Revival of HPFMC

2970. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private agency was engaged to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. as recommended by the Parliamentary Committee;

(b) if so, whether the agency has submitted its report together with the details; and

(c) whether Government would take a favourable view to protect the livelihood of the employees of HPF?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) As recommended by the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry (Rajya Sabha), M/s Ernst & Young, has been engaged as a consultant to examine the viability of Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Ltd. The consultant has been asked to submit the final report early for taking a view by the competent authority.

Sick PSUs in Rajasthan

2971. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Centre/State PSUs lying sick in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have chalked out any plan to revive these sick PSUs;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total estimated funds required for the revival of each of these PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Based on information available in latest Public Enterprises Survey, 2004-05 there were 3 sick (as defined in Government Resolution dated 6.12.2004) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) namely (i) Hindustan Salts Ltd. (HSL), (ii) Sambhar Salts Ltd. (SSL), a subsidiary of HSL, and (iii) Instrumentation Ltd. having their registered offices in the State of Rajasthan.

(b) to (e) Government has constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to undertake task of strengthening, reviving, and restructuring of loss making CPSEs. BRPSE has considered the revival proposals in respect of HSL and Instrumentation Ltd. Based on the recommendations of BRPSE, Government has already approved revival package for HSL including its subsidiary SSL envisaging cash assistance of Rs. 4.28 crore and non-cash assistance of Rs. 73.30 crore. In the case of Instrumentation Ltd., BRPSE has recommended a revival package envisaging a cash assistance of Rs. 85.44 crore and non-cash assistance Rs. 603 crore from Government.

Financial performance of ONGC

2972. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC has any proposal to sell its stake in MRPL;

(b) whether it is a fact that declining profits and share value of MRPL is being deliberately orchestrated by ONGC;

(c) whether some private companies and petroleum MNCs have offered to take over MRPL;

(d) the steps proposed to review the decreasing capital and share value of MRPL; and

(e) the reasons for poor performance of MRPL in the last two years?